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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

18. (Amended) A reactor as claimed in claim 17 in which the distance between inlets is significantly in excess of the potential flame length.

27. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

28. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

29. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

30. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

31. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

34. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

35. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

36. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

37. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

38. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

39. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

40. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

41. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

42. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as defined above.

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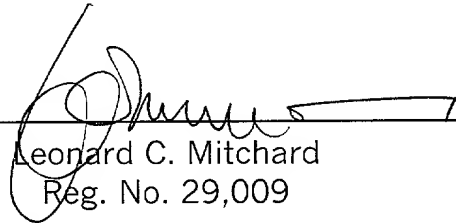
The above amendments have been made to place the application in a more traditional format.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

18. (Amended) A reactor as claimed in claim [18] 17 in which the distance between inlets is significantly in excess of the potential flame length.

27. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 5] defined above.

28. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 6] defined above.

29. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 7] defined above.

30. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 8] defined above.

31. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 9] defined above.

34. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 10] defined above.

35. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 11] defined above.

36. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 12] defined above.

37. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 13] defined above.

38. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 14] defined above.

39. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 15] defined above.

40. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 16] defined above.

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41. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 17] defined above.

42. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 23 in which said reactor comprises a reactor as [claimed in claim 18] defined above.

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